GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Condition of People in Mental Homes
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the pathetic conditions of people living in mental homes across the country and the report of the condition of the Government run care home in Delhi where three hundred mentally challenged had reportedly died in the last few years;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has sought any report from the States on the condition of mental homes and issued any directions to protect the lives of people living there and issued any advisory in this regard;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHANA RAJ)
(a) to (e) Relief for the disabled is primarily a State subject by virtue of entry 9 of the State list of the Constitution of India. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has informed that in pursuant to the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Ministry undertook physical verification of the actual state of affairs existing in 43 Government Mental Health Institutions situated among different States including Delhi. The observations/recommendations emanating therefrom were reviewed by the Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, GOI. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also issued advisories to the concerned Chief Secretaries of relevant States/Union Territories where the Mental Health Institutions are situated highlighting the observations/recommendation of the inspections teams has also been sent to 20th August, 2015.

Apart from the above, the National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore conducted a Research Study in 10 Mental hospitals on addressing the concerns of women admitted to Psychiatric Institutions in India. The study was initiated in July, 2015 whereupon NCW submitted the Report to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on 15th July, 2016.

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